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BOSS HANNA'S GAME.

BROWNSVILLE HERALD: Boss Hanna submits gracefully after his little display of independence, and is promised re-election to the Senate as a reward.

After all, it may be found that Mr. Hanna has played a deep game. He professed to oppose the indorsement of Roosevelt by the Ohio Republican State convention. He then yielded, after a struggle. But in his speech to the convention he dwelt at length on the importance of "letting well enough alone." That means that he does not want the tariff interfered with in any way. It will be remembered that Mr. Roosevelt is generally supposed to be somewhat partial to the "Iowa idea," which is nothing more or less than the modification of the tariff on articles manufactured by monopolies. Now, it may be that Hanna pretended to oppose the indorsement in order to get on dicker ground with the "Iowa idea" people, thus to secure a compromise by which he would cease opposition if an assurance could be given him that the tariff would not be interfered with. He is not a small man intellectually. He represents the protected industries in the fullest sense of the term. He got a "message" from Mr. Roosevelt before he came around. He must have gotten the pledge he wanted.—Galveston News.

Notwithstanding and nevertheless there is a vast deal of common sense in this country on either side of the Phillips and Dixon line.

HYPNOTIZED PATIENTS.

Surgical Operations Performed without Pain by Means of Hypnosis.

New York, June 6.—London cables to-day announced the first instance in England wherein hypnosis was substituted for an anesthetic in a serious surgical operation.

This recalls the fact that in this country hypnosis has been used many times to produce anesthesia, and that in several instances major operations have been performed upon patients while under hypnotic influence. During the period of hypnosis the patients have retained consciousness, just as the woman mentioned in the London advices is reported to have retained it, but have been quite insensible to pain.

In Toledo, in 1895, a railroad engineer who had been badly injured was placed in a state of hypnosis and his leg was amputated. Throughout the operation the patient smoked a cigar, entirely unconscious of pain.

In the same year in Minneapolis, hypnosis was used for so important an operation as laparotomy, a

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forty-pound tumor being removed from a woman. As in the operation in Toledo, the patient was conscious of everything save the operation the surgeons were performing upon her.

For the performance of capital operations, a very deep hypnosis is obviously necessary, but not more than five per cent of humanity can be placed in this condition. Some respond to the suggestion of the operator with remarkable celerity.

Not long ago in Brooklyn hospital, a hypnotic operator took the hand of a woman patient, telling her that when he had stroked it the third time, she would not be conscious of the infliction of pain. The operator stroked the hand a third time and then, without causing the patient to flinch in the least, or evince any sign of pain, a needle was thrust beneath her nail.

Enuculation of the eye—that is, removal of the ball, an operation known to be attended by a great deal of pain—has been performed by means of hypnosis. Two years ago, in Oswego, it was successfully and painlessly performed under this condition.

The operation in London, to which the cables call attention, was performed on a woman suffering with an ulcerated leg, which had to be amputated. In accordance with her own wish, fearing the use of chloroform, she was hypnotized by Doctor Aldrich, of Clapham, after a series of experiments extending over several days.

On Wednesday, she was operated upon. During the operation the patient retained consciousness, so the dispatches say, and chatted with the nurse and drank wine. The ordinary observer would have believed her to be in full possession of all her senses. But she was entirely unaware of what was being done to her. Once Doctor Aldrich said to her:

"In am cutting off your leg below the knee," and her cheerful reply was: "All right; hold my hand."

One of the attending surgeons took hold her hand and noticed that she tightened her grip when the nerves were severed.

The operation lasted twenty minutes, and when the patient was awakened five minutes later, she complained only of "pins and needles."

The republican postoffice stew is getting thicker by the addition of new ingredients almost every day. It is now reported that a United States senator is mixed up in a charge of boodling in the interest of one of the get-rich-quick concerns, for which he used his influence with the department. Evidently this is what the republicans call "running the government and the country on a business basis."

The postmaster general "regrets to report" that one of the assistant attorneys in his department has been arrested for boodling. It is also sad to relate that the prisoner charged with the crime is a good republican and was vouched for by that good and great man, Senator Fairbanks. The good state of Indiana seems to be furnishing more than her share of these patriots for pelf discovered in the postoffice scandals.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

Jimson Weed was a newcomer in the city, and Chinese laundrymen were "yellow primroses" to him. But he knew that every Chinaman was called John.

So, when he had deposited a bundle of soiled collars and cuffs at the Mongolian laundry which flourished in the vicinity of his boardinghouse, he indulged a conversational impulse by remarking:

"Say, can I have them clothes by Chewsday, John? Your name's John, aint it?"

"You lie," replied the Celestial, with the customary placid smile.

The retort brought a blow from Jimson Weed. The blow brought some Chinese repartee, delivered with a flatiron. Then came more blows, more flatirons, more Chinamen, terrific general engagement—and the police.

As Jimson Weed was ushered into the patrol wagon, together with a bunch of disordered pigtailed, what was left of his eyes permitted him a glimpse of the inscription over his adversary's place of business.

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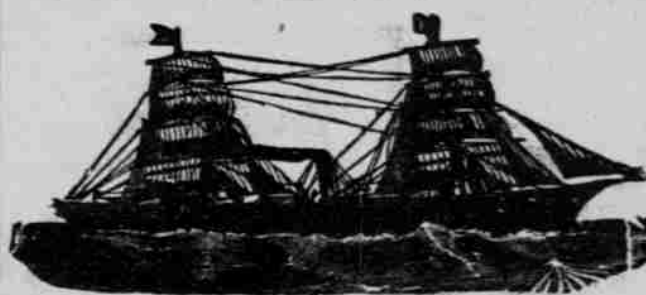
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